

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

# Oaks Notes



## Acorns on the Ground

### "God Touch"

At the last Board meeting I informed the Board about a new program that I would like to try here at Oaks Christian Church. The program is called, "God Touch".

"God Touch" is a program that calls us to be more intentional about our Christianity. The structure for this program, "God Touch" would be the structure we currently have employed, our committees. Each committee would continue to operate and be responsible for it's area. The Worship Committee would touch people through Worship. The Education Committee through study, and so on.

I would like to see our Evangelism Committee go back to the function of having teams of two people visit our first time visitors on Sunday afternoon. Every committee would be involved in "God Touch".

The basis for "God Touch" is founded on the fact that all of us have been touched by God. As Christians, as people of God, God has touched our lives. Therefore, God expects us to reach out and to touch others. To love them and to share our faith with people as God would have us to do.

This is not a new idea with a lot of bells and whistles and new gadgets of some kind. This is a program to simply help us be intentionally Christian.

An example of how this would work is the committee, lets take the Evangelism Committee, would set a goal of reaching five (5) new families in five (5) months. The committee would work toward that goal by doing intentional activities to achieve it.

"God Touch" would be supported by prayer to the LORD for success. I would hope that everyone in the church would be involved in someway.

There is a song "Reach Out and Touch" that contains these words in the last verse:

"Reach out and let the smile of God touch through you."

My prayer is that we will let the smile of God touch through us and that we will touch others.

In Christ's Love,  
*Randy*



*Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.*

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# AUGUST 2010

*Disciples of Christ - Bound Together in Love*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## Schedule of Events

- August 1 - National Convocation Ends.
- August 4 - NAPAD Convocation Begins
- August 6, 2010 - DMF and Special Day Offering Contributions for July due to OGMP Treasury Services
- August 7, 2010 - NAPAD Convocation Ends
- August 10, 2010 - Prayer Circle (Meets every second Tuesday of Month.)
- August 25, 2010 - Choir and Hand bells Resumes
- Pastoral Bible Study Returns in the Fall (Meets every Thursday)

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

- 2 - Al Gonzales
- 4 - Amy Dyes
- 5 - Chris King
- 10 - Rudy Green
- 18 - Steven Shipman
- 20 - Pat Wray Smith
- 21 - Katie Spencer, Pat Scruggs
- 24 - Jill Doremus
- 26 - Sherri Murray
- 27 - Joe Saldivar
- 30 - Julie Clawson, Melanie Clawson
- 31 - Jamie Gonzales

### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

- 8 - Oliver and Sue Harrison
- 26 - Glen and Bernie Slaven
- Church Office Closed on Fridays.
- Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
- If you have something for the calendar, or if we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the Church Office know.
- Pastor Randy Burke's Phone No.'s:  
832.729.1598 - Cell  
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**ARTICLES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT NOON!**

**August 15, 2010**

**There will be a Ad Hoc Congregational Forum Meeting - Light lunch to follow.**

**NOTE:** Please be advised, Oaks is no longer going to purchase the **Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide**. You may purchase them on your own using the coupon in the book.

First Christian Church in Houston will have a retreat September 24-25. Information and registration forms may be found at [www.cpadisciples.org](http://www.cpadisciples.org)  
 Thanks! Lora Parker, CPS DWM Coordinator

**New address:**

April Billings  
 c/o Evelyn Ratcliff  
 166 Bar-T  
 Florence, TX 76527



**Many thanks to George Hajovsky who trimmed the ligustrums.**

#### Church in Society Committee

Douglas Montague, son of an Oaks former pastor Bill Montague, is a missionary who has asked for some support. He has been in Venezuela, Mexico, Malaysia and many other parts of the world. He has helped train many native pastors and worked with them to get facilities. At this time, he is working to raise money to complete a sanctuary in Guyana. Our committee voted to give him \$500 for this project. Some members of the church give financial support every year and if you are interested you can read his mailer which is posted on the bulletin board.

This year for our School Supplies project we will be supporting Stevens Elementary School. They have requested spiral notebooks labeled "Third Grade" and 24 count boxes of crayons. We'll let you know when stores start having good sales on these items.

#### **DO YOU KNOW — (NEXT NEWSLETTER) MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

#### **Nurturing Circle Updates - July**

Prayers

7/10 - Shirley Mizula

7/10 - Carolyn Henderson and 7/18 - Cheryl Burke

**Please remember to submit your favorite hymns for the Sunday bulletin for the month of August.**



**YARD WORK**  
**Volunteers Needed**  
**Anytime**  
**Contact: Imogene Flott**  
**or Dorene Drake.**

#### **FOR SALE**

Oaks Church has two burial spaces for sale. They are located at Brookside Cemetery, Houston. These are side by side space 3 and 4 in "Masters Lawn".  
 Price is \$2,000 each. Negotiable.  
 Contact Richard Smith for more information.

#### **Church Attendance and Treasurer's Report**

##### **July Church Attendance**

Attendance for the Month of July	Sunday School	Church Attendance
July 04, 2010	22	44
July 11, 2010	22	83
July 18, 2010	21	46
July 25, 2010	20	51
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>224</b>

##### **From the Treasurer - Bill Scantlin**

Operating Account	April -10	May -10	June-10
Deposits	8,521.00	10,230.00	10,092.58
Disbursements	<u>10,830.95</u>	<u>(10,989.66)</u>	<u>(11,491.46)</u>
Difference	(2,309.95)	(756.66)	(1,398.88)

Year to-date there has been \$9,500 transferred from the Capital Improvement Fund to cover operating expenses.

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## Oaks Christian Church

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### FOOD NEEDED FOR MANNA'S PANTRY

**For more information  
Contact**

**Billie Murray  
(281) 448-1667**

#### **Items Needed:**

Toothpaste, washing  
powder, shampoo, de-  
odorant, baby diapers,  
sugar, flour and can  
goods.

**Open Mon, Tues and  
Thurs 9:30 a.m. –  
11:30pm.**



### **Prayer Circle**

Every Second Tuesday of the Month  
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Kirchner Hall.

**Everyone Welcome!**

*Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With  
thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.  
Philippians 4:6*

### **Board Happenings -**

**Albert Green, Board Chair - Friendly Reminder:**

**There will be an Executive Board Meeting, August 1, 2010  
after church and General Board Meeting, August 8, 2010  
after church.**

**Thank you.**